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1. THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON ARRIVED OVER KERALA (EXTREME SOUTHWEST INDIA) MAY 29, TWO DAYS AHEAD OF NORMAL ADVANCING INTO COASTAL KARNATAKA, SOUTH KONKAN AND GOA (WEST COAST) AND PARTS OF NORTH INTERIOR KARNATAKA DURING FIRST WEEK OF JUNE. ALTHOUGH PERFORMANCE DURING SECOND WEEK WAS GENERALLY SLUGGISH AND BEHIND SCHEDULE IN SEVERAL AREAS MOMENTUM PICKED UP DURING THIRD WEEK. BY END OF JUNE IT WAS ESTABLISHED OVER ENTIRE COUNTRY WITH EXCEPTION OF THE NORTH AND NORTHWEST WHERE IT SHOULD BREAK WITHIN A WEEK IF ON SCHEDULE. FAIRLY WIDESPREAD PRE-MONSOON RAINS PREVAILED OVER NORTH WESTERN INDIA DURING LATTER PART OF JUNE AND BROUGHT RELIEF FROM SEVERE HOT DRY WEATHER WHICH GRIPPED THE REGION DURING MOST OF MAY AND MUCH OF JUNE.

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2. EXCEPT FOR SUB-HIMALAYAN WEST BENGAL, ORISSA AND TAMIL NADU, CUMULATIVE RAINFALL FROM JUNE 1 THROUGH JUNE 28, 1978 WAS NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL OVER ENTIRE COUNTRY. WEATHER ZONES, WHICH RECEIVED NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL ACCOUNTED FOR 81 PERCENT OF TOTAL KHARIF CEREAL PRODUCTION (COMPARED TO 79 PERCENT IN COMPARABLE PERIOD OF 1977), USING AS A BASE THE DISTRIBUTION

OF KHARIF PRODUCTION DURING 1970-71.

3. PARTS OF EASTERN INDIA (ASSAM AND BIHAR) HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING MEDIUM TO HEAVY RIVERINE FLOODS FOR PAST TWO WEEKS WHICH HAVE SUBMERGED FIELDS OF PADDY AND JUTE. SOME LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE HAS ALSO BEEN REPORTED FROM ASSAM.

4. RAINFALL MAP AND SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 28 AND PERIOD JUNE 1 THROUGH JUNE 28, 1978 FROM INDIAN METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT IS BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY.

5. MONSOON ACTIVITY THUS FAR HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN LAST YEAR.

6. A WEEKLY WEATHER SUMMARY AND A BI-WEEKLY DETAILED REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR DURATION OF MONSOON PERIOD.
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